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Dear Sir:

A hearing has been set and confirmed for the subject case (Appeal No. 2005-2431) on Tuesday, February 7, 2006. Appellant hereby respectfully requests to present arguments via telephone in accordance with MPEP § 1209. Filed concurrently herewith is the signed Confirmation of Hearing.

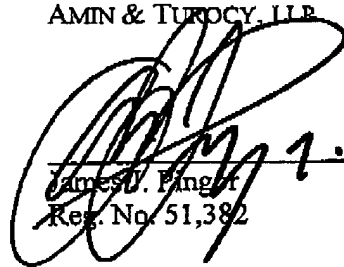
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